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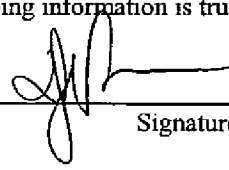
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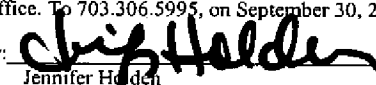
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Date Patent Declaration
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(herein called "THE UNDERSIGNED") have made an invention and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on _____ for this invention, which application is entitled METHOD FOR PRODUCING A NICKEL METAL-HYDRIDE STORAGE BATTERY and which has been given Serial Number 10/090,901 and the filing date of March 4, 2002;

Name of Corporation

AND WHEREAS Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of Japan, and having an office and place of business at 1006-banchi, Oaza-Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan

State or Country of
Incorporation and Address

And TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of Japan, and having an office and place of business at 1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-shi, Aichi 471-8571, JAPAN,

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